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1. the VP Infantry School in the Henne Kaserne at Erfurt had been newly occupied, in early November 1952, by 500 men who allegedly included 200 Soviets wearing VP uniforms.¹

2. the officers' apartments on Pestalozzi - Karl Marx Strasse at Glauchau were vacated by the Soviet officers' dependents. the apartments will be occupied by KVP. At the time of information, a number of buildings of the former Aue Kaserne on Dr. Kuelz Strasse, which was still occupied, at that time, by various administration agencies, plants and apartments, were also evacuated. They will allegedly be also occupied by KVP.²

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3. On 31 October 1952, about 100 men of VP cadre and instruction personnel and about 800 recruits were located in the former AAA Barracks south of Gotha on the Guentherleben road. about 300 men marched daily out of the installation to the training ground near Vorwerk Topfleben, where they engaged in infantry combat training and training with mortars, machine guns and submachine guns. The men were allegedly trained with T-34 tanks in storage sheds and as drivers on a training ground near Riessa. 20 Soviet officers arrived at the installation in truck . They were believed to be a Soviet inspection team.³

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4. On 29 November 1952, 190 KVPs were dispatched from Grossenhain to Berlin. On 1 December 1952, VPs at Grossenhain loaded two tanks onto cars and dispatched one each to Meissen and Oberlungwitz.

5. On 22 November 1952, an estimated 2,000 VPs occupied the barracks installation north of Schumann Strasse in Leipzig. Over 50 percent wore old-style uniforms. Most of the VPs wearing new-style uniforms had blue and red epaulets. No VPs were seen training. From 400 to 500 men occupied each of two other VP Kasernen on Jonny Scheer and Olbricht Strasse. Also in these installations only a

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limited number of enlisted men wore new-style uniforms.⁴

6. On 6 December 1952, an estimated 3,500 VPs occupied the Infantry Barracks at Loebau. About three fourths of the men wore new-style uniforms with dark-green, dark-red and black patches. The unit was commanded by a lieutenant colonel who wore dark-blue service color with two golden stars and who also wore a medal with a waving red flag.⁵
7. On 28 November 1952, the VP Camp Fuenfleischer near Neutrandenburg was occupied by an estimated 1,000 to 1,200 men including a relatively large number of young officers. Most of the VPs wore black, and a few red or green service color on their patches. [redacted] the installation was a training camp whose men were transferred, from time to time, to the Agassia area, but who were regularly replaced by new recruits. [redacted] groups of 10 to 20 civilians, who arrived by train, and were picked up by VP trucks. [redacted] the construction of permanent brick buildings was started in the camp.⁶

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8. [redacted] building materials were actually shipped to Niederfinow, where a police school was allegedly being established in the hotel opposite the ship wharf.

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9. [redacted] the VP camp at Niederschlag-Hutweide near Annaberg was occupied by an estimated 1,300 men. The camp at Hutweide was recently placed under the command of a Soviet commander, to whom four other officers were assigned. There were 21 T-34 tanks at the camp. The unit at the Niederschlag installation was believed to have nine 7.62-mm AT guns and no other heavy weapons. The VP installation was recently guarded by a double ring of sentries. At noon on 24 October, about 400 VPs held attack practices at squad level beside the road. A number of VP-officers' dependents were already quartered in the Niederschlag installation.⁷

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10. [redacted] the barracks buildings of the former [redacted] school at Potsdam-Biche, which had been completely destroyed, were under reconstruction. One barracks building was reconstructed, and another was completed. The installation was guarded by VPs wearing old-style blue uniforms and, in contrast with the Schutzpolizei, crossbelts.⁸

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11. On 2 December 1952, 2,700 to 3,000 VPs wearing dark-blue service color occupied the Fusilier Barracks on Kopernikus Strasse at Rostock. They allegedly were tank or technical units. They were commanded by Colonel Riesel (fnu), whose chief of staff was one Pollack (fnu). About 300 men occupied new low buildings near the barracks installation.⁹
12. On 8 November 1952, the former Grenadier Barracks on Werder Strasse at Schwerin was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 VPs. They wore mainly new-style uniforms and visor-type service caps with light-blue cap bands.
13. On 6 December 1952, troops of the National Forces (also called the people's army) occupied the old Grenadier Barracks at Schwerin, which was vacated by the last civil agencies. [redacted] 130 officers and about 1,500

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men were actually located in the barracks installation. The enlisted men wore red-bordered epaulets, which were the same color as the uniforms. The troops were allegedly equipped only with rifles and machine guns. They received indoctrination, held drill practices and training in marksmanship and combat. The unit allegedly included an unidentified number of Soviet instructors, who spoke fluent German. 10

On 10 November 1952, a new VP camp was under construction south of Storkow. It was enclosed by a high board fence and guarded by sentries on watchtowers. The completed permanent low buildings of the installation had a capacity of 2,000 men. There were numerous other low buildings which were still under construction. 11

Comment. The Infantry Officer Candidate School [redacted] is located in the barracks installation on Petersburg [redacted] a cadre unit, is located in the Henne Kaserne. In early November, this unit may have been filled up with recruits. However, it appears doubtful that 200 Soviet soldiers should have been assigned [redacted] In early November 1952, this cadre unit had a size of about 1,800 men. 25X1

Comment. Glauchau may become a KVP post. 25X1

Comment. This installation quarters [redacted] a cadre division. 25X1

[redacted] the capacity of the installation was about 1,500 men in late September 1952. 25X1

Comment. No previous reports included clear statements on the actual strength of the KVPDs Leipzig I and II. [redacted] the barracks installations of the KVPD Leipzig I on Olbricht Strasse and Viertelsweg were occupied by a larger number of VPs than the barracks installation of the KVPD Leipzig II on Schumann Strasse. 25X1

Comment. A previous report stated that the Loebau post includes one VP infantry regiment of the Prenzlau division which was transferred from the Torgelow area to winter billets in Loebau 25X1

Comment. In the summer of 1952, an unidentified number of personnel were reassigned from [redacted] Fuenfeichen, and used as a nucleus of a unit around which engineer units of the Armeegruppe Nord were to be activated. It is believed that one engineer battalion was moved from the Eggesin area to winter billets at Fuenfeichen. Hence, no major reassignments to Eggesin are expected during the winter. 25X1

Comment. It is still undetermined to what major unit this VP unit belongs. [redacted] 25X1

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8. Comment. It is believed that the construction work is done by the Rammion Potsdam and the installation is to quarter SSD units.
9. Comment. a cadre division, is located in the Fusilier Barracks. this unit numbered about 1,500 men in early October 1952. At that time, the unit was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Fluhr (fnu), whose chief of staff was Major Kowel (fnu).
10. Comment. A unit of the Armeegruppe Nord is believed to be located in the Grenadier Barracks in Schwerin. the 1st Mecz Regt of the Eggesin Mecz Div was moved to winter billets in the area of the KVPD Schwerin-Sternbuchholz in late October 1952. The majority of this regiment is believed to have been billeted at Schwerin.
11. Comment. an engineer unit subordinate directly to the HVKP, is located in the Storkow area. It is believed that the billeting area of this unit is being enlarged.

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